

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Withdrawn) A wheel lift attachment comprising (a) a U-shaped bracket arranged to open downwardly (b) an elastomer covered block fixed to said bracket and adapted to abut a tire (c) a pair of straps mounted on said U-shaped bracket (d) and a pair of hooks, each of the hooks of said pair mounted on a respective one of said straps.

2. (Withdrawn) The wheel lift attachment of claim 1 wherein said bracket has a base and said base has a recess therein which, in combination with said block, defines a slot adapted to receive the lifting nose of a jack.

3. (Withdrawn) The wheel lift attachment of claim 1 additionally comprising a bolt extending through said bracket and mounting said straps on said bracket, said U-shaped bracket having two legs through which said bolt extends, a cylindrical member received on said bolt between said legs and providing support for said straps, said straps being formed of a single piece of fabric which is looped over said cylindrical member, and an additional piece of fabric secured around said straps between said hooks and said cylindrical member.

4. (Withdrawn) The wheel lift attachment of claim 3 wherein said bracket has a base and said base has a recess therein which, in combination with said block, defines a slot adapted to receive the lifting nose of a jack.

5. (Withdrawn) The wheel lift attachment of claim 4 wherein said legs of said bracket have holes adapted to receive a bolt for securing said bracket to the nose of a lifting jack.

6. (Currently amended) A method for lifting a wheel of a vehicle, said wheel having one or more openings therein which comprises:

- (a) providing a U-shaped downwardly opening bracket on ~~the~~ a nose of a lifting jack with a strap secured to the bracket and a hook secured to the strap;
- (b) hooking the hook on an opening of the wheel;
- (c) and cranking the jack to lift the wheel.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 additionally comprising the additional step of placing the jack alongside of the wheel prior to hooking the hook on an opening of the wheel.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 additionally comprising prior to cranking the jack:

- (a) providing a second strap secured to the bracket and a second hook secured to the second strap;
- (b) and also prior to cranking the jack hooking the second ~~strap~~ hook on an opening of the wheel.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for performing maintenance on a first wheel of a vehicle which comprises:

- (a) chocking ~~the~~ remaining wheels of the vehicle;
- (b) loosening ~~the~~ lug nuts on the first wheel;
- (c) providing a U-shaped downwardly opening bracket on ~~the~~ a nose of a lifting jack with a pair of straps secured to the bracket and a pair of hooks secured to the straps;
- (d) placing the jack alongside of the first wheel;
- (e) hooking the hooks on openings in the first wheel;
- (f) cranking the jack to lift the first wheel to a position sufficiently high enough to position blocks or jack stands under the vehicle adjacent to the first wheel with the first wheel in a fully maintained and repaired condition((.));
- (g) positioning blocks or jack stands under the vehicle adjacent the first wheel;
- (h) cranking the jack to lower the vehicle onto the blocks or jack stands;
- (i) removing, maintaining and replacing the first wheel on the vehicle;
- (j) snugging the lug nuts;
- (k) placing the jack alongside the first wheel;
- (l) hooking the hooks on openings in the first wheel((.));
- (m) cranking the jack up to a level that lifts the first wheel and vehicle to a height that allows the blocks or jack stands to be removed from under the vehicle;
- (n) removing the blocks or jack stands;
- (o) jacking the vehicle down;
- (p) removing the hooks from the wheel;
- (q) tightening the lug nuts;
- (r) and removing the chocks from the remaining wheels.